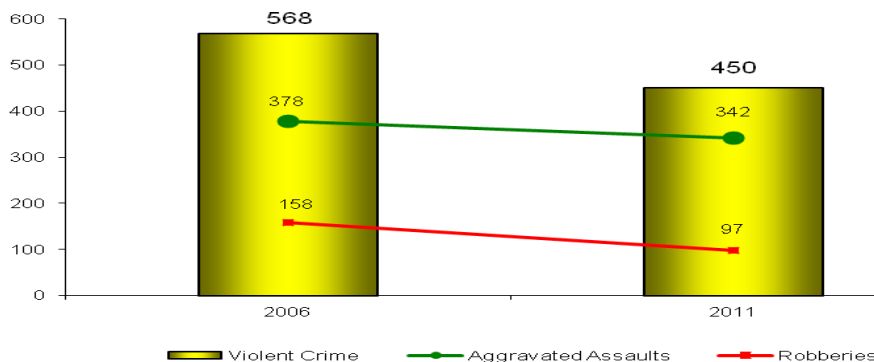


Washington County

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Washington County has seen an 8.5% reduction in total crime, a significant 20.8% reduction in violent crime, and a 6.5% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in robberies (-38.6%), aggravated assaults (-9.5%), and motor vehicle thefts (-49.0%), while also achieving a reduction in larceny/thefts (-6.5%).

Washington County Violent Crime Trends
2006 - 2011



WASHINGTON COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Washington County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 23 grants in Washington County totaling \$1,127,206. As a result, Washington County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Alternatives to Incarceration** – The Washington County Board of Commissioners Weekend Intake Center program provides alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders. The program coordinates work site assignments and supervises non-violent offenders who have received community service as a pre-trial or a post-trial sanction. An assigned supervisor coordinates work sites for offenders. The program is unique as it serves the needs of the criminal justice system, the defendant, and the community concurrently.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Safe Streets Initiative
- Crime Lab Enhancements
- Alternatives to Incarceration
- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Hospital Based Domestic Violence Programs
- Protective Order Entry/service
- Gun-Related Offense Reduction
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Child Advocacy Center

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- **Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services** – Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused (CASA) Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services program provides individual and group counseling, a 24 hour hotline, emergency shelter, legal services, children's services, information & referral, advocacy and accompaniment, and support services to victims of domestic violence and their families.

CASA has a Rape Crisis Intervention Services program which provides crisis intervention services, ongoing counseling, legal services, advocacy and accompaniment, information and referral, and emergency shelter services to victims of sexual assault.

- **Hospital Based Domestic Violence Program** – The Meritus Medical Center provides screening, 24/7 crisis intervention, counseling, and referrals to victims of domestic violence. Professionally trained staff offer crisis counseling, safety planning, shelter referrals, legal options, and photographic documentation in a safe, and nurturing environment.
- **Sex Offender Monitoring** - The Washington County Sheriff's Office Monitoring Support/Training Program tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. The program updates databases with current offender information, verifies addresses, and ensures sex offenders are properly registered.
- **Child Advocacy Center** – The Washington County Department of Social Services' Safe Place Child Advocacy Center provides support services to children who been physically or sexually abused in the county. The program provides onsite individual and group therapy, family advocacy, and forensic examinations to child victims and their non-offending caregivers.

"There is no duty I take more seriously than the duty I have as Governor to protect Maryland's citizens. Washington County has been one of our strongest partners in the fight to reduce crime, and I look forward to continuing this collaborative approach to improving public safety."

Governor Martin O'Malley

